

TRIBUTE TO INLAND EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS, SALUTATORIANS AND STUDENT SPEAKERS

**HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 1998*

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an outstanding group of young men and women from my district in Southern California. The 68 students I have listed below have the distinguished honor of being selected as the valedictorians, salutatorians and student speakers of their graduating classes and deserve to be recognized for this laudable achievement.

Representing some of the best and brightest of the Inland Empire's future generation, these students have already accomplished a great deal and stand to reap even more success as the years go by. Education is the most important foundation we can have for life, and these students have realized that potential.

I would especially like to acknowledge those students who have risen above adversity and overcome disadvantages and obstacles that may have threatened to hinder their path to success. I offer my congratulations to each of the graduating seniors and my best wishes for the future. I am very proud to represent such a fine group of young men and women.

*Cum Laude Speakers*

Alta Loma: Michael Hubbard; Rancho Cucamonga: Cecilia Mo.

*Senior Class Speakers*

Alta Loma: Kim Anderson; Rancho Cucamonga: Brian Church.

*Valedictorians*

Etiwanda: Shin' Ning Duh; Ontario: David Lazzara, Daniel Quesada, Mujtaba Saifuddin; Bloomington: Keyla Lee; Fontana: Sambath Oum; A.B. Miller: Doan Nguyen; Eisenhower: Lisa Briones; Rialto: Lee Aleksich, Cristin Manary; Cajon: Shana Baumgartner, Leah Donahue, Khoa Nguyen; San Bernardino: Cristina Rose Brower; San Geronio: Karl Robert Haley, Denney Huynh, Jason Thomas; Pacific: Lien Dang; Chaffey: Tin Diep; Bloomington Christian: Racquel Jefferson; Ambassador Christian: Johnny Stegall; Aquinas: Frank Kreikebaum; New Life Academy: Arlene Romero.

*Salutatorians*

Etiwanda: Mitesh Popat; Ontario: Heather Davies; Bloomington: Eric Aguirre; Fontana: Thomas Voden, Eric Artherton; A.B. Miller: Nawal Badran; Eisenhower: Jeannie Huh; Rialto: Sirine Adlouni; Cajon: Alia Little, Andrew England; San Bernardino: Celeste Ruby L. Lim, Sean R. Corley; San Geronio: Minh Ly Luu; Pacific: Chad Milan Timko, Taryn Michelle Harp, Jacqueline Ann Servin; Chaffey: Jung Min Yang, Jessie Stevens; Bloomington Christian: Nicole Miller; Ambassador Christian: Tina Willis, Rochelle Williams; Aquinas: David Colella; New Life Academy: Arlene Romero.

*Student Speakers*

Valley View: Melissa Ramirez, Hector Morales; Washington: Gilbert Granado, Linda Young; Eric Birch: Carina Higareda; Citrus:

John Felila, Berenice Medina, Gregory Smith, Corey Value; Milor: Angel Venegas, Clarice Lopez, Danielle Patterson; Zupanich: Therese Johnson; Sierra: Jamelle Jones, Azucena Molina, Erik Valadez; San Andreas: Anna Valdez, Mandy McPherson.

LAWRENCE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IS CENTRAL STATES WINNER IN WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION NATIONAL FINALS 1998

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 1998*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Lawrence Central High School of Indianapolis competed in the 1998 National Finals of "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" contest in Washington, DC after winning the Indiana competition.

Lawrence Central students competed with more than 1250 students representing 49 states and was the Central States winner. Their teacher was Drew Horvath and the list of students is as follows:

Kari Amos, Robert Baker, Kari Buis, Julie Burton, Sheila Cardinal, Haley Carney, Mark Davis, Justin Gray, Amber Gross, Shawn Haislip, Kristen Halligan, Seth Higgins, Megan Iott, Les Jahnke, Kelly Khoury, Ted Kieffer, Justin Lane, Jolene McClusky, Joyce McCoy, Courtney Mills, Aaron Moberly, Galan Moore, Jon Owens, Chris Recktenwall, Eric Reissner, Kelly Richardson, Lisa Schubert, Tara Sheets, Jennifer Staresnick, and Shane White.

Congratulations to Mr. Horvath, who has sent previous Indiana winners to this competition, and to all of these outstanding students.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLOTTE WENHAM

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 1998*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a great educator, community leader, and good friend to all of Southwest Michigan, Dr. Charlotte Wenham. After thirty years of dedicated service to the students and community of St. Joseph, Michigan, Char is stepping down from her position as Assistant Superintendent of St. Joseph Public Schools.

Since 1968, Dr. Wenham has helped to shape young minds in the St. Joseph Public Schools. First at the head of the class as teacher, then at the head of a school as principal, finally spending the last few years heading an effort to develop innovative and creative programs, curriculum, and policies for the district.

While her talents will be missed, I am happy to report that she will be pursuing other interests in our community and will continue to lend her vast knowledge. While she may be changing roles, her dedication to students, to learning, and to creating a brighter tomorrow won't change.

Mr. Speaker, I know that all of my colleagues join me in wishing her many more happy and healthy years. On behalf of southwest Michigan, I would like to thank her for all of her service, dedication and commitment to St. Joseph.

HONORING CAROLE S. POWERS ON HER RETIREMENT FROM TEACHING

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 1998*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate my constituent Carole S. Powers on her retirement from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, and from teaching, after more than twenty years of service. Her dedication and commitment to JDS students is not only testimony to her strong commitment to the school and the community, but also to the profession of teaching. Her work has contributed to the high regard in which the Jewish Day School is held by the community.

Over the years, Carole Powers has touched numerous lives and helped shape a multitude of futures. She is one of those teachers to whom former students return years after their graduation to share their successes, and whose influence and impact students remember long after they have left high school. One of those former students reflected on her importance in his education in a letter to the school paper, and I'd like to share just a part of that letter:

"Next week, as I graduate from law school and don the old cap and gown for the last time, I'll have an opportunity to reflect on my 20 years of formal education.

"By my own rough count, I've had well over 100 teachers—from nursery school to JDS, from college to law school. None was as effective as Carole Powers. None came to class every day with as much commitment to her students, and none stretched her student's minds the way she did.

"All of her students were enriched by her career, and we hope to be able to continue to learn from her and draw inspiration from her for many years to come."

Carole Powers has touched numerous lives and helped shape a multitude of futures. I know her colleagues join me in recognizing her many years of service and in wishing her health, happiness and personal fulfillment in her future endeavors.

A SALUTE TO ERWIN J. HEINZELMANN

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 1998*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize one of the hardest working and effective social reformers in Wisconsin. As friends and colleagues gather to honor Erwin J. Heinzelmann on the occasion of his retirement from Wisconsin Correctional Service (WCS), after thirty-five years, I would like to take a moment to reflect on his years of service to my home town.